

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takamitsu ASANUMA et al.

Prior Group Art Unit: 3748

Application No.: New Rule 53(b) Divisional  
Application of 09/904,875

Prior Examiner: T. Nguyen

Filed: April 22, 2004

Docket No.: 110108.01

For: A DEVICE FOR PURIFYING THE EXHAUST GAS OF AN INTERNAL  
COMBUSTION ENGINE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application with  
sections as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification; and**

**Remarks.**